Trees and Shrubs in this guide

Deciduous Trees Alnus glutinosa European Alder



About this tree:

Prefers moist to wet soils Grows 50 to 70 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> 1 1/2 to 4 inches long, 1 to 2 1/2 inches wide; elliptical, doubly sawtoothed; shiny dark green

<u>Fruit:</u> Cone; 3/4 inches long; clusters of 3 to 5

Twig: Gummy when young; 3-angled

pith Bark: Brown, smooth, becoming

furrowed





Green Ash Fraxinus pennsylvanica (native)

About this tree:

Seeds eaten by wood duck, Bobwhite quail, purple finch

Prefers deep moist to drought resistant soils

Grows 50 to 75 feet tall Hardiness zone 2 Cultivars: Cardan

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Opposite; pinnately

compound; 6 to 10 inches long; 5 to 9 leaflets 2 to 5 inches long, 1 to 1 1/2 inches wide

<u>Fruit:</u> 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 inches long; yellowish, hanging in clusters

Bark: Gray; furrowed scaly ridges,

reddish inner layer





Basswood Tilia sp.

About this tree:

Seeds and bark eaten by cottontail rabbit

Prefers moist soils Grows 60 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 2

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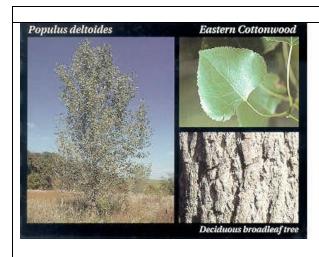
<u>Leaves:</u> In 2 rows; 3 to 6 inches long and almost as wide; long, pointed at tip; coarsely saw-toothed; palmately veined; dark green

<u>Fruit:</u> 3/8-inch in diameter; nutlike; elliptical or rounded; gray; attached to a leafy bract

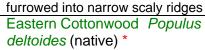
Twig: Reddish or green; slender;

slightly zigzag

Bark: Dark gray; smooth, becoming







About this tree:

Buds eaten by ruffed grouse and prairie chicken; bark eaten by beaver Grows over 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 2

Cultivars: Mighty Moe, Ohio Red,

Platte, Walker Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves</u>: 3 to 7 inches long; triangular; long-pointed, curved, coarse teeth; shiny green; leafstalks long, flattened <u>Fruit</u>: 3/8-inch elliptical capsules; splitting into 3 to 4 parts; cottony seeds <u>Bark</u>: Yellowish-green and smooth, becoming light gray, rough <u>Twig</u>: Coarse, large; pointed buds

Crabapple *Malus sp.*

About this tree:

Fruit is eaten by deer, pheasant, turkey and other birds

Prefers moist to dry soils Grows 15 to 20 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Cultivars: Midwest, Roselow, Magenta

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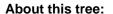
<u>Leaves:</u> Alternate; 2 to 4 inches long; blunt jointed tip; coarsely toothed edge <u>Fruit:</u> 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter;

apple; yellow-green

<u>Twig:</u> Stout; spreading; sometimes spines on short side branches; new growth is hairy

<u>Bark:</u> Lengthwise furrows and ridges; reddish-brown scales

Chinese Elm Ulmus parvifolia *



Seeds eaten by purple finch, redbreasted grosbeak and cottontail rabbit Prefers moist soils

Grows 40 to 50 feet tall

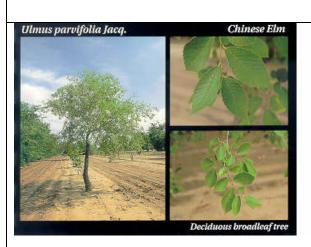
Hardiness zone 4

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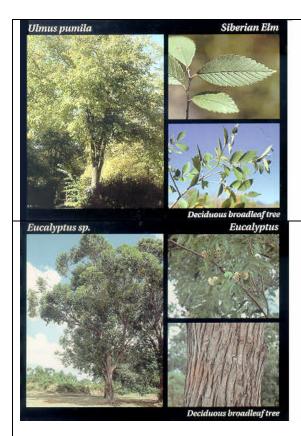
<u>Leaves:</u> In 2 rows; 3/4 to 2 inches long, 3/8 to 3/4 inch wide; elliptical; unequal at base; saw-toothed; shiny above <u>Fruit:</u> 3/8 inch long; elliptical, flat 1-seeded; with broad pale yellow wing <u>Bark:</u> Mottled brown; smooth; shedding in irregular, thin flakes













Siberian Elm Ulmus pumila *

About this tree:

Prefers dry to moist soils

Grows 60 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Cultivars: Chinkota **Identification Tips:**

Leaves: 3/4 to 2 inches long, 1/2 to 1 inch wide; narrowly elliptical; blunt-

based; saw-toothed

Fruit: 3/8 to 5/8 inch long; clustered; circular with seed in the center

Bark: Gray or brown; rough, furrowed

Eucalyptus Eucalyptus sp. *

(depending on the species)

About this tree:

Wood used for furniture, homes Medicinal use for oil from leaves Used both as timber and ornamental tree

Can grow up to 10 to 15 feet per year and 150 feet tall Hardiness zone 8

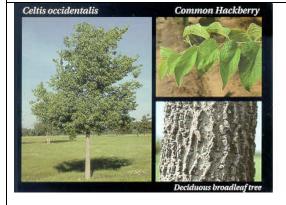
Identification Tips:

Leaves: Alternate; usually flattened vellowish leafstalks; blades lanceshaped, 3 to 12 inches long, 1/2 to 2 inches wide; usually dull green on both sides; thick and leathery

Fruit: Seed capsules 4-angled, about 1inch long; or egg shaped or cylindrical, about 1/4 to 3/4 inch long

Flower: Flower or flowers at leaf base; numerous spreading white or creamcolored stamens

Bark: Usually smooth, mottled gray, white, brown or greenish; sheds; brown, furrowed and non-shedding on Robusta Eucalyptus





Common Hackberry Celtis occidentalis (native)

About this tree:

Fruit eaten by robin, yellow-bellied sapsucker and cedar waxwing Can grow on moist to dry soils; tolerates high pH

Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 2

Cultivars: Oahe **Identification Tips:**

Leaves: Alternate; 2 to 5 inches long;

sharp-toothed; blue-green

Fruit: 1/4 to 3/8 inch berry, purple-

brown

Twig: Gray-brown, zigzag shape





Bark: Light gray; thin Black Locust Robinia pseudoacacia (native)

Bark: Ridged, irregular wart-like knobs American Holly *Ilex opaca* (native)

Prefers wet to moist, well drained soils

Fruit eaten by wild turkey, bluebird,

Leaves: Evergreen; spreading in 2 rows; 2 to 4 inches long, 3/4 to 1 1/20 inches wide; elliptical; spiny-pointed; coarsely spiny-toothed; leathery Fruit: 1/4 to 3/8 inches in diameter;

About this tree:

berrylike; bright red

Twigs: Brown or gray; stout

About this tree:

cedar waxwing

Grows 40 to 70 feet tall Hardiness zone 5 **Identification Tips:**

Seeds eaten by bobwhite quail and squirrel

Prefers moist to dry soils Grows 40 to 80 feet tall Hardiness zone 3 Cultivars: Steiner

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Alternate pinnately compound; 6 to 12 inches long; 7 to 19 leaflets, 1 to 1.75 inches long, 1/2 to 3/4 inches wide; paired

Fruit: 2 to 4 inches long; narrowly oblong flat pod; dark brown Twig: Dark brown, with stout paired spines 1/4 to 1/2 inch long at nodes Bark: Reddish brown to almost black: thick: deeply furrowed into long rough

forking ridges

Honey-Locust Gleditsia triacanthos (native)

About this tree:

Sweetish pulp edible for humans Grows 50 to 75 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

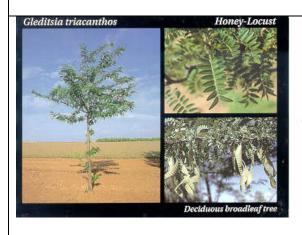
Identification Tips:

Leaves: Alternate; pinnately or bipinnately compound; yellow-green; 6 to 8 inches long; 20 to 30 oblong leaflets 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long Fruit: Red-brown to purple; twisting; 6 to 18 inches long; bean-like pod with seeds

Twig: Shiny; zigzag; stout; red-brown; 3-branched (1 to 3 inches); thorns 3branched 2 to 3 inches long











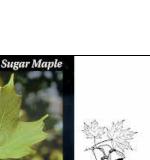






Acer saccharum





Bark: Grayish brown-black; long; irregular; vertical plates

Red Maple Acer rubrum (native)

About this tree:

Grows well on a wide range of soil types

Fast growing; grows 50 to 70 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Opposite; broadly ovate with 3 shallow short-pointed lobes turning red, orange and yellow in autumn

Fruit: Paired single-winged seeds form

Twig: Shiny red; numerous small **lenticels**

Silver Maple Acer saccharinum (native)

About this tree:

Seeds used by songbirds and small mammals

Prefers moist or moderately drained

Grows 60 to 80 feet tall; 1 to 3 feet per year

Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Deeply separated into 5 doubly-toothed lobes; opposite, simple, silvery below

Fruit: Pair of wide, curved single winged seeds joined at base to form a

Bark: Light gray; on older trees plates separated by narrow fissures

Sugar Maple Acer saccharum (native)

About this tree:

Good wildlife value

Prefers moderately well to well drained soils; high shade tolerance; poor drought tolerance

Grows 60 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Opposite; simple; 3 to 5 lobed; pointed; slightly coarsely toothed Bark: Grayish brown to black; deeply furrowed into hard scaly ridges Fruit: Pair of single winged seeds join

at base to form a 'V'





Russian Mulberry Morus alba var. tatarica *

About this tree:

Hardy variety of white mulberry Wood is hard and durable Grows to 50 feet tall Wide zone of hardiness

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Alternate, heart-shaped and lobed; 2 to 4 inches long and half as wide

Fruit: White to dark red; less than 1 inch long and juicy

Flower: Catkins, drooping; up to 1 inch long

Twig: Red-brown when young; gray on

older trees





Bur Oak Quercus macrocarpa (native)

About this tree:

Acorns eaten by turkey, blue jay, grouse and wood duck Prefers dry uplands to moist floodplains Grows 50 to 80 feet tall Hardiness zone 2

Identification Tips:

Leaves: 4 to 10 inches long, 2 to 5 inches wide; obovate, lower half deeply divided into 2 to 3 lobes on each side; dark green

Fruit: Large acorns; broadly elliptical, enclosed by large deep fringed cup with conspicuous fringe

Bark: Light gray; thick, rough, deeply

furrowed into scaly ridges





Northern Red Oak Quercus rubra (native)

About this tree:

Acorns eaten by turkey, blue jay and ruffed grouse Prefers dry uplands

Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

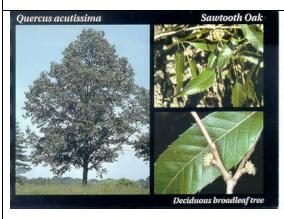
Leaves: Alternate; simple; pinnately (7-11) lobed; dark green; 4 to 9 inches long

Fruit: Egg-shaped, brown acorn; 1/3 enclosed by shallow cup; dark margin on cup scales

Bark: Dark gray-black, shallow, wideflat ridges













Pin Oak Quercus palustris (native)

About this tree:

Acorn eaten by turkey, wood duck, grouse and blue jay

Tolerates poorly drained, wet sites Grows 50 to 90 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: 3 to 5 inches long, 2 to 4 inches wide; 5 to 7 deep lobes nearly to midvein

Fruit: 1/2 inch long; nearly round; acorn; 1/4 to 1/3 enclosed by thin saucer-shaped cup

Sawtooth Oak Quercus acutissima

About this tree:

Excellent for wildlife

Prefers moderately to well drained soils; poor shade tolerance; fair drought tolerance

Grows 35 to 70 feet tall; medium growth

Hardiness zone 5 Cultivars: Gobbler

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Shiny; 3 to 8 inches long with

bristle-like teeth

Fruit: Small acorns; long, spreading scales enclose two-thirds of the nut Bark: Gray brown; deeply ridged

Shumard Oak Quercus shumardii (native)

About this tree:

Acorn eaten by turkey, wood duck and

Prefers moist, well drained soils Grows 60 to 90 feet tall

Hardiness zone 4 **Identification Tips:**

Leaves: 3 to 7 inches long, 2 1/2 to 5 inches wide; usually deeply divided nearly to midvein into 5 to 9 lobes; shiny dark green above, paler below with tufts of hair at base of veins

Fruit: 5/8 to 1 inch long, egg-shaped; 1/4 to 1/3 enclosed by shallow cup

Twig: Hairs on the buds













White Oak Quercus alba (native)

About this tree:

Acorns eaten by turkey, blue jay and ruffed grouse

Prefers moist, well drained upland soils Grows 80 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: 4 to 9 inches long; 2 to 4 inches wide; elliptical; 5 to 9 lobed; bright green above, whitish or gray-

green below

Fruit: 3/8 to 1 1/4 inches long; eggshaped; about 1/4 enclosed by shallow

warty cup

Bark: Light gray; shallowly fissured

Russian-Olive Elaeagnus angustifolia *

About this tree:

Fruit eaten by cedar waxwings, robins, grosbeaks and pheasants

Can grow on moist to dry soils Grows 20 to 30 feet tall

Hardiness zone 3 Cultivars: King Red **Identification Tips:**

Leaves: 1 1/2 to 3 1/4 inches long; lance-shaped; dull; gray-green above,

silver below

Fruit: Berry-like; 3/8 to 1/2 inch in

diameter; yellow to brown

Twig: Silvery; often ending in short

spine

Bark: Gray-brown; fissured; shedding

in long strips

Osage-Orange Maclura pomifera

(native)

About this tree:

Seeds eaten by quail and squirrels

Grows 35 to 50 feet tall

Excellent fuel wood

Hardiness zone 4

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Alternate; simple; 3 to 5 inches long; glossy bright green; leaf margins

entire

Fruit: Large; yellow-green; 3 to 5

inches in diameter

Twig: Stout; orange-brown; zigzag

shape; 1/4 to 1/2 inch spines

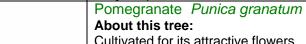
Bark: Deeply furrowed; yellow-orange-

brown









Cultivated for its attractive flowers Tolerates heat and alkaline soils Grows to 20 feet tall Hardiness zone 7

Pecan Carya illinoensis (native)

Prefers moist, well drained, bottomland

Leaves: Pinnately compound; 20 to 22 inches long; 11 to 17 leaflets, each 2 to 7 inches long; finely saw-toothed

Fruit: Nut; oblong; 1 to 2 inches long;

Bark: Light brown to gray; deeply,

About this tree: Edible fruit

margin: alternate

irregularly furrowed

pointed at tip, both ends

Grows to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 4 **Identification Tips:**

soils

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Simple; blades 1 to 3 1/2 inches long; oval to elliptical to lanceolate; margin entire; surface bright green

Fruit: Berry 2 to 4 inches in diameter; thick, leathery, reddish yellow rind; juicy

Flower: Showy; red to orange; 5 to 7 petals

Bark: Gray to brown on older limbs Hybrid Poplar Populus sp.

About this tree:

Grows very fast, upright, not as spreading as cottonwoods Disease resistant Crossbred specifically in many cases for fast growth in windbreaks Cultivars: Northwest, Norway, Imperial, Robusta

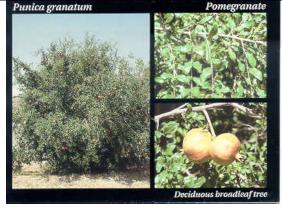
Identification Tips:

Leaves: Variable but usually triangular; 2 to 5 inches long and wide; usually green above, light green below; toothed margin; flattened leafstalks

Twig: Short; hairless

Bark: Smooth gray to off-white; deeply

furrowed in old trees













Lombardy Poplar *Populus nigra* 'italica'

About this tree:

Prefers moist soil

Tree grows rapidly but is short-lived in more humid regions

Roots are invasive and may sucker profusely

Grows to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 4

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> 2 to 4 inches long and wide; triangular; wavy sawtoothed; green above, light green below; flattened leafstalks

<u>Twigs:</u> Stout; hairless; orange, turning gray

<u>Bark:</u> Gray to whitish; smooth on young trees and dark deep furrows on old trees





Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua* (native)

About this tree:

Grows 60 to 100 feet tall; 2 to 3 feet per year

Excellent fall color

Tolerates a wide range of soils

Hardiness zone 6

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves</u>: Alternate; star-shaped with pointed lobes; brilliant fall colors <u>Fruit</u>: Globe-shaped, tight cluster of capsules persist on tree over winter <u>Twig</u>: Moderately stout with corky wing-like ridges; buds large and shiny <u>Other</u>: Strongly pyramidal growth form

American Sycamore Plantanus occidentalis (native)

About this tree:

Seed eaten by purple finch Prefers moist bottomland soils; tolerates poorly drained soils

Grows 75 to 100 feet tall

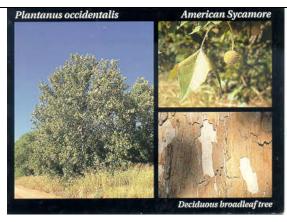
Hardiness zone 4

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> 4 to 8 inches long and wide; broadly ovate; 3 or 5 shallow, broad, short-pointed lobes

<u>Fruit:</u> 1 inch in diameter; usually 1 brown ball hanging on long stalk; composed of narrow nutlets with hair tufts

<u>Bark:</u> Smooth, whitish and brown mottled; peeling off in large thin flakes













Salix nigra

Black Willow





Black Walnut Juglans nigra (native)

About this tree:

Nuts eaten by squirrel, red and gray fox Prefers moist, well drained soils Grows 70 to 90 feet tall

Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Pinnately compound; 12 to 24 inches long; 15 to 23 leaflets up to 5 inches long

Fruit: Single or paired, about 2 inches in diameter; thick green or brown husk Twig: Brown; stout; with buff colored chambered pith

Bark: Dark brown; deeply furrowed ridges

Black Willow Salix nigra (native)

About this tree:

Prefers wet soils

Grows 60 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: 3 to 5 inches long, narrowly lance-shaped; shiny green on both sides

Fruit: 3/16 inch long; reddish-brown

capsules; hairless

Twig: Brownish; easily detached at base

Bark: Dark brown or blackish; deeply furrowed into scaly, forking ridges

Golden Willow Salix alba var. vitellina

About this tree:

Rapid growth rate with no suckering Good winter density for a deciduous hardwood

Tolerates wide range of soils Grows to 60 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Narrow lance-shaped; finely

toothed; 4 to 6 inches long

Flower: Male catkins 1 to 2 inches long

with females 2 to 3 inches long Twig: Bright yellow to orange Buds: Covered by a single non-

resinous scale





Purpleosier Willow Salix purpurea

About this tree:

Fair wildlife value

Tolerates poorly drained soils; good shade tolerance; poor drought tolerance

Grows 10 to 20 feet tall Hardiness zones 3 to 8 Cultivars: Streamco

Identification Tips:

Leaves: In pairs, not quite opposite; smooth tongue shaped; finely-toothed near the tip only; blue-green above and pale below; 2 to 4 inches long

Catkins: Small, arise in almost opposite pairs, and mature in early spring before

the leaves come out

Coniferous Trees





Casuarina Casuarina sp. *

About this tree:

Provides perching and nesting for birds Tolerates dry or wet soil, salinity, heat and wind

Grows 50 to 100 feet tall; grows up to 8 to 10 feet per year

Hardiness zone 8

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Scale-like; 1/8 inch long Fruit: Light brown, warty ball

Bark: Light gray brown; smoothish on small trees, later becoming furrowed





Northern White Cedar (Arborvitae) Thuja occidentalis (native)

About this tree:

Foliage, twigs eaten by White-tailed deer, fruit eaten by various birds Prefers neutral to alkaline soils, limestone origin Grows 40 to 70 feet tall

Hardiness zone 2

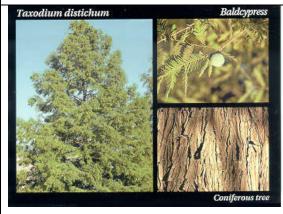
Identification Tips:

Leaves: Evergreen; opposite; 1/16 to 1/8 inch long; scalelike; dull yellowgreen; foliage sprays fanlike

Fruit: Cone; 3/8 inch long; elliptical; upright from short curved stalk Bark: Light red-brown; thin; fibrous









Arizona Cypress *Cupressus* arizonica (native)

About this tree:

Used for erosion control, windbreaks, urban landscaping, posts, stakes and corral poles

Prefers moist gravelly soils on slopes and benches

Grows 40 to 60 feet

Hardiness zone 6

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Minute blue-green to graygreen; scale-like; sharp pointed; finely toothed on the margins; shunlike odor when bruised

<u>Fruit:</u> Dark reddish brown cones about one inch long that remain on the tree for many years, become gray with age <u>Bark:</u> Reddish brown with irregular, narrow, thin, curling scales that peel; on older tree's, bark becomes furrowed

Baldcypress *Taxodium distichum* (native)

About this tree:

Well adapted to wet sites, but can be planted on dry sites; wood very resistant to decay; develops 'knees' under saturated conditions Grows 60 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 4

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needle-like; delicate; arranged in 2 ranks in a feather-like fashion along small branchlets; branchlets with fine needles fall in the autumn

<u>Fruit:</u> Globe-shaped, woody cone, 1 inch in diameter; cones disintegrate at maturity

<u>Twig:</u> Reddish-brown; rough, with several short peg-like branches <u>Bark:</u> Dark reddish-brown with long loose shreddy ridges





About this tree:

Used as Christmas trees, hedgerows, windbreaks and landscaping Adapted to a wide range of soil textures; prefers moist, well drained soils

Grows 60 to 70 feet tall Hardiness zone 5

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Blue-green to gray-green needles, 1/8 inch long; acute; appressed with the apices of the lateral pairs often free

Fruit: Cone, 1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter with 8 scales; each scale contains approximately 5 seeds per scale Bark: Reddish-brown and scaly

Concolor Fir Abies concolor (native)

About this tree:

Provides winter cover for wildlife Prefers dry to moist soils Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Needles; slat; linear; 2-ranked; blue-green; 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long Fruit: Cone; erect; olive brown; cylindrical; 3 to 5 inches long Twig: Stout; yellow-green with clustered blunt, red-brown resinous buds

Bark: Ash, gray-brown color; flattened ridges

Douglas-Fir *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (native)

About this tree:

Winter cover for wildlife Prefers well drained, loamy soils Grows 80 to 200 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles; flexible; flattened; light green-bluegreen; blunt tip; 3/4 to 1 1/4 inch long

<u>Fruit:</u> Cone, tan-brown; 2 to 3 inches long; clustered pairs; 3 points;

protruding bracts

<u>Twig:</u> Slender; gray-brown; long; sharp-pointed buds

Bark: Reddish brown; deep furrows

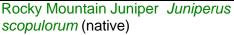












About this tree:

Foliage and fruit eaten by mammals and birds

Can grow on dry to moist soils Grows 25 to 50 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Small; scale-like; opposite; smooth edges; 1 to 2 inches long Fruit: Small; fleshy; berry-like; 2 to 3 inches in diameter; bright blue Twig: Slender, 4-sided; becoming rounded with age Bark: Thin; reddish-brown; weathering

to grayish





Austrian Pine Pinus nigra

About this tree:

Prefers dry, drought resistant soils Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Evergreen, 3 1/2 to 6 inches long; 2 in bundle; stiff; shiny dark green; silvery white buds

Fruit: Cone, 2 to 3 inches long, 1 to 1 1/4 inches wide; egg-shaped; shiny, vellow-brown; almost stalkless Bark: Dark brown; thick; rough; furrowed into irregular scaly plates

Buds: Large, silvery buds

Eastern White Pine Pinus strobus (native)

About this tree:

Prefers sandy-loam soils; avoid clay-

Grows 60 to 100 feet tall, 50 to 80 feet wide; growth rate is 3 to 5 feet per year Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Needles in bundles of 5; 3 to 5 inches long; slender; flexible Fruit: Cones; 4 to 8 inches long;

cylindrical; often curved Twig: Orange brown

Bark: Dark grayish brown; deeply furrowed on older trees; 1 to 2 inches

thick with ridges



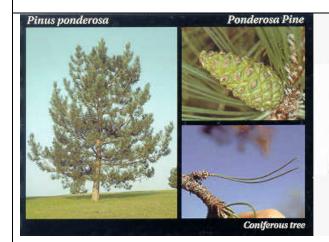






Pinus taeda Loblolly Pine Coniferous tree





Eldarica Pine Pinus eldarica

About this tree:

Prefers fine sands, silt loams to silty clay loams, and very well drained to moderately well drained soils Fast growth if irrigated

Hardiness zone 7

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles 4 to 6 inches long borne in bundles of 2 or rarely 3; new growth blue-green, older growth darker green

<u>Fruit:</u> Cones; reddish brown to brown; borne singly or in whorls of 3 to 6; cones are ovate-conic, approximately 4 inches in length; unarmed <u>Bark:</u> Silvery gray and shiny when young; becoming reddish brown;

fissured and scaly on older trunks

Loblolly pine *Pinus taeda* (native)

About this tree:

Seeds eaten by Bobwhite quail and mourning dove

Tolerates poorly drained to well drained soils

Grows 80 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 7

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles; 5 to 9 inches long; 3 in bundle; stout, stiff, often twisted <u>Fruit:</u> 3 to 5 inches long; conical <u>Bark:</u> Blackish-gray; thick, deeply furrowed into scaly ridges exposing brown inner layers

Ponderosa Pine *Pinus ponderosa* (native)

About this tree:

Seeds eaten by birds, mammals Can grow on dry soils Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles; stout; flexible; yellowgreen; 5 to 10 inches long; clusters of 2 or 3

Fruit: Cone, tan-brown; 3 to 6 inches

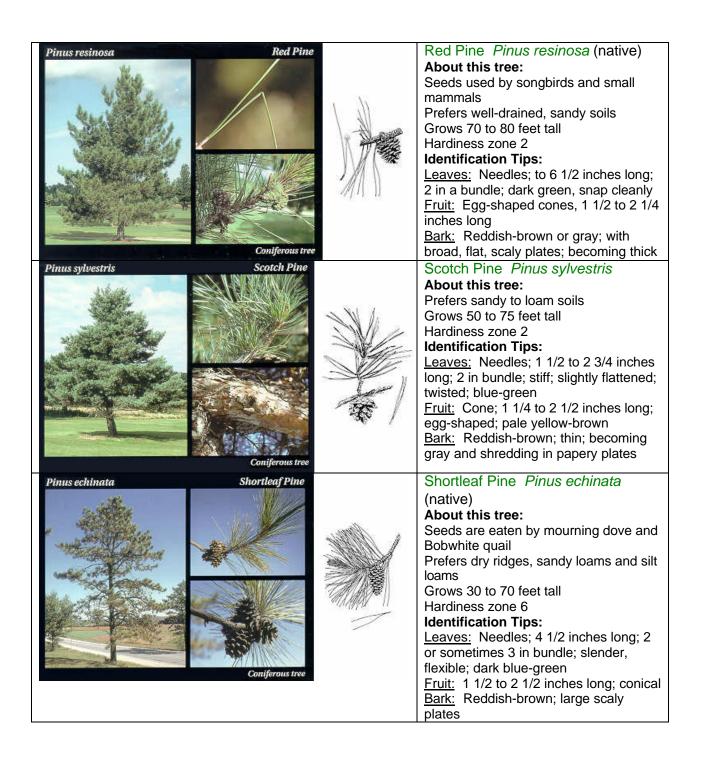
long: scales with prickles

Twig: Stout; orange-brown; turpentine

odor when broken

Bark: Black, yellow-orange (old); wide,

shallow-furrowed; flaky plates







Slash Pine Pinus elliottii (native)

About this tree:

Seeds eaten by Bobwhite quail and mourning dove

Prefers poorly drained sandy soils Grows 60 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 7

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Needles; 7 to 10 inches long; 2 and 3 in bundle; stout; stiff; shiny green Fruit: 2 1/2 to 6 inches long; narrowly

shaped: shinv dark brown

Bark: Purplish-brown; flattened, scaly

plates; rough and furrowed





Virginia Pine Pinus virginiana (native)

About this tree:

Good wildlife value Prefers well drained soils Poor shade tolerance Good drought tolerance Grows 30 to 40 feet tall Hardiness zone 4

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Needles, 1 1/2 to 3 inches long; stout; gray-green; in bundles of

two: twisted

Fruit: Dark reddish-brown; ovoid; lustrous; 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long, with a sharp spine at the end of each scale Bark: Shallow fissures; dark brown

loose scales





Eastern Redcedar Juniperus virginiana (native)

About this tree:

One of the best conifers for wildlife habitat

Well adapted to most soils Grows 25 to 60 feet tall Hardiness zone 3

Identification Tips:

Leaves: Two types, usually on the same tree -- scale-like and awl shaped Fruit: Blue berrylike cone, 1/4 to 1/3

inch in diameter Twig: 4-sided





Colorado Blue Spruce *Picea* pungens (native)

About this tree:

Winter cover for wildlife Prefers upland dry soils Grows 75 to 100 feet tall Hardiness zone 2

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles; stiff; spirally arranged; 4-sided; 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long; very prickly; sharp pointed <u>Fruit:</u> Cone, oblong; tan-brown; cylindrical; 3 to 4 inches long; papery scales

Twig: Stout; orange to gray-brown

Bark: Silvery gray-brown



About this tree:

Foliage, twigs eaten by White-tailed deer; needles eaten by grouse; winter cover for many species
Prefers moist soil
Grows 75 to 100 feet tall

Hardiness zone 2

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles; 1/2 to 1 inch long; stiff; 4-angled; sharp-pointed; shiny, dark green with whitish lines; drooping foliage

<u>Fruit:</u> Cones; 4 to 6 inches long; cylindrical; light brown; hanging down <u>Bark:</u> Reddish-brown; scaly

White Spruce Picea glauca (native)

About this tree:

Foliage, twigs eaten by White-tailed deer; needles eaten by grouse; winter cover for many species
Prefers moist, sandy loam soils
Grows 50 to 60 feet tall; 1 to 3 feet per

year

Grows 3 to 6 feet tall

Identification Tips:

<u>Leaves:</u> Needles 1/2 to 3/4 inches long; stiff; 4-angled, sharp pointed; blue-

green, with whitish lines

Fruit: Cones, 1 to 2 inches long

Twig: Orange-brown; slender; peglike

bases

Bark: Gray or brown; inner bark whitish









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